Maintenance of Asiatic Society

3363. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman, New Delhi edition, dated the 14th July, 1992 captioned as 'The Mystry of the Missing Keys";

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the maintenance and preservation of valuable books and journals etc. of the Asiatic Society?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is true that the keys of the strong room of the Asiatic Society where valuables coins and plates are kept have been missing. The Society has conducted an inspection in the presence of the police and has ascertained that the seals on the iron safe, one almirah and one wooden cabinet where these valuables have been stored are intact, which means that there is no loss of these valuables. The Society has already replaced the existing locks of the strong room to ensure that no unauthorised person can get in.

(c) Does not arise as the Asiatic Society is a registered Society with its own Governing Council which is responsible for all activities of the Asiatic Society and takes decisions for proper maintenance and preservation of valuable books and journals.

Reimbursement to Medical Bills

3364. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased' to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the office of the Dy. Director of Education, Distt. South, New Delhi, the reimbursement of medical bills are deliberately kept pending for harassing and obtaining illegal gratification for clearing the said bills;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the said office the untenable objections are frequently raised for indefinitely delaying the reimbursement of the said bills for ulterior motive with impunity;

(c) whether it is a fact that the communications from the Members of Parliament in the said matter are not entertained ond answered by the Director of Education, Delhi;

(d) whether it is also a fact that some teacherg of DAV S. S. School Jangpura, New Delhi are being continuously harassed and victimised with the connivance of both the D.E. and D.D.E.; and

(e) whether Government propose to stop this type of harassment and take disciplinary action against the guilty ones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) All claims for reimbursement of medical bills are processed according to rules. Complaints, whenever received in this regard are attended to.

(c) and (d) Delhi Administration has intimated that in the recent past, a communication was received from a Member of Parliament relating to the medical claim of a teacher working in DAV S.S. School, Jangpura.